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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 11 March 1953, about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and billeting equipment were loaded on 10 boxcars; and 45 trucks, including some towing trailers, were loaded on 30 flatcars with sideracks, at the Koenigsbruck-West freight station.

guns were entrained in the evening of the same day, and that the entire shipment left during the night. 1

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2. Troops and materiel in conjunction with the exercises in the Gross-Naundorf-Reichenbach area between 2 and 5 March included: about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; 43 T-34 tanks; about 8 JS-1 tanks; 2 armored scout cars; 3 radio trucks; about 35 trucks and sedans; and several sidacar motorcycles.

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On 4 March, the above mentioned vehicles and weapons were in the camp on the Reichenbach-Gross Naundorf and Reichenbach-Hoesckendorf road fork. the troops had come from Frankfurt/Oder and left toward Weissentach on 5 March. 2

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3. At about 3 p.m. on 21 February, 8 T-34/85 tanks and 3 or 4 trucks were detrained at the Wurzen railroad station. The escort personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The unit left for the Flak Kaserne. 3 On 3 or 4 March, an undetermined number of flatcars carrying trucks towing AT guns and mortars; and attached to a regular train passed through Posthausen, between Machern and Gerichshain, en route toward Wurzen. The escort personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. 4 At about 5:45 p.m. on 12 March, an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was loaded on 20 to 25 boxcars; and 3 T-34/85 tanks, 2 tanks without guns and turrets, T-34/85 tanks an undetermined number of trucks with mortars; and radio trucks, 1 jeep, and 1 armored scout car were loaded on 15 to 20 flatcars with sideracks. Troops and materiel had come from the Flak Kaserne. At about 6 p.m., the train left toward Dresden. 5

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4. [redacted] a pontoon bridge across the Elbe River had been built by engineers at the ferry site in Muehlberg during the first week of February. Troop units with about 90 vehicles, including heavy three-axle cross-country vehicles, special vehicles mounting cable winches; and small and large amphibious cars, subsequently crossed the river on the pontoon bridge. 25X1
5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] two trains with shipment-- went from Koenigsbrueck to Rostock on 13 March 1953. [redacted] the train probably carried elements of the 4th Gds AAA Div which went to Wustrow for AA firing practice.
6. [redacted] Comment. Exercises in this area have been continually reported [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the exercises involved units of the 11th Gds Tank Div which is also indicated by the [redacted] units left toward Weissbach.
7. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a tank company of the 68th Gds Tank Bn of the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div returned from firing practice either in Koenigsbrueck or the Grimma-Riesa training area. 25X1
8. [redacted] Comment. Presumably a shipment of the 8th Gds Mecz Div from Leipzig to Koenigsbrueck.
9. [redacted] Comment. This entraining of a tank detail of the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div for Koenigsbrueck [redacted] was confirmed 25X1
10. [redacted] Comment. Muehlberg is known as training area of the unidentified engineer regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army. Another source reported an engineer column of 200 vehicles en route from Dresden to Meissen on 1 February. [redacted] 25X1

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